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For: HIGHLY VERSATILE PROCESS
CONTROL SYSTEM CONTROLLER

Examiner: Christopher B. Shin

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begins on Page 14 of this Amendment.